Suggested Talking Points

- 1. EPA and the LWG have created preliminary maps showing Feasibility Study Evaluation Areas to expedite the start of the feasibility study. The maps are based on data analyzed in the Remedial Investigation and Risk Assessments and are only drafts at this point in the RI/FS process. The future Areas of Potential Concern (AOPCs) within these areas have yet to be defined.
- 2. The current draft maps show localized areas within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site where risks to human or environmental health may need to be addressed through options considered in the feasibility study (options include measures like removal, capping and monitored natural recovery). The FS will also evaluate how remedies for these localized areas will address site wide exposures not reflected in this map.
- 3. These maps are conceptually similar to the maps that were created in early 2007 when the LWG submitted its Round 2 Report. These maps represent another iteration by the LWG and EPA in the process of determining where risks may be located in the river sediments.
- 4. For these maps, the LWG plotted specific areas (using concentration contouring) on the map reflecting the LWG's review of data. EPA created broader boundaries around some of those contoured areas. EPA expects to identify AOPC boundaries through its own review of the RI and RAs.
- 5. The size and shape of the final AOPCs will be based on the final risk assessments. The ultimate areas to be remediated will be determined through the upcoming feasibility process, the final Record of Decision and the remedial design process.